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A regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., October 13, 2015.

Members present: Mayor Robert T Wandrei; Councilman Tim Black; Councilman Robert D. Carson; Councilman Stacey L. Hailey; Vice Mayor Steve C. Rush; Councilman Beckham A. Stanley; and Councilman James A. Vest

Members absent: None

Staff present: Town Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

After a motion by Councilman Hailey and seconded by Vice Mayor Rush, Mayor Wandrei declared that the minutes of a Council work session held on September 23, 2015, and the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on September 23, 2015, were approved as distributed.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- The downtown improvement project is continuing: the work on Washington Street is underway and construction will begin on a portion of the Downtown Plaza on October 14.
- The Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission (KBBC) Clean-up Day will be held on October 17 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- The Jefferson's Assembly will be held on October 14 at The Columns. The Assembly is an opportunity for people to get with their elected officials, local and state.

Councilman Vest asked for an update on the electrical problem.

The Town Manager explained the problem is an issue with one of the large industrial customers. Mr. Kolakowski said the customer has been kept offline until repairs could be done to minimize the chance of a repetition of the situation. The repairs will continue for the next several days.

Aundrea Dagenhart stated she requested to speak to make Council aware of the community support for establishing a homeless shelter in the Town. She said a Facebook page had recently been created and the page currently has over 200 followers. Ms. Dagenhart said that many of these people have already offered to volunteer their time and efforts to make this dream a reality. Ms. Dagenhart said that if Council agrees to hear more about this, she can make a complete presentation with a guest speaker who has been in a homeless shelter.

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Mayor Wandrei said this could be heard before Town Council in November.

Councilman Stanley reported that he attended the Virginia Municipal League's "Newly Elected Officials Day" and found it very enlightening.

Vice Mayor Rush, Chairman of the Community Development and Economic Committee, said the Committee met and discussed the following: tax abatement for the Enterprise Zones, property maintenance issues and continued violators, and ways to address that issue.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said the Committee met on October 2 and reviewed the bond financing with AMP Ohio and the preliminary information is promising.

Councilman Hailey said he, Councilman Black, and Mayor Wandrei went to the KBBC meeting on September 22. The KBBC discussed the distribution of the trash cans, the Fall Cleanup Day, and the Christmas tree at the Welcome Center.

Mayor Wandrei said the following would be added to the agenda: Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a) (7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended for consultation with legal counsel and for a brief personnel matter.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported that the Bedford Police Department has received a Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) 2016 Highway Safety Grant for Alcohol Enforcement in the amount of \$6,720. This grant is designated for use towards overtime expenses related to selective traffic enforcement and is usually expended in conjunction with regional safety campaigns. In addition, the grant includes funding for an in car video system. There is an in-kind match of 50%. As in the past, vehicle, supervisor and equipment expenses can be applied toward the in-kind match. Mr. Kolakowski said that Council was requested to approve the acceptance of the DMV 2016 Highway Safety Grant for Alcohol Enforcement that has been awarded to the Bedford Police Department and to appropriate \$6,720 to the appropriate revenue account and the appropriate expenditure account. The required matching funds in the amount of \$6,720 will come from in-kind match.

On motion by Vice Mayor Rush, seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the acceptance of the DMV 2016 Highway Safety Grant for Alcohol Enforcement that has been awarded to the Town of Bedford Police Department and appropriated \$6,720 to revenue account 100033.433161 and \$6,720 to expenditure account 10033110.557269. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye

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Councilman Vest	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The Town Manager reported that the Town of Bedford Police Department has received a Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) 2016 Highway Safety Grant for Speed Enforcement in the amount of \$4,800. This grant is designated for use towards overtime expenses related to selective traffic enforcement and is usually expended in conjunction with regional safety campaigns. There is an in-kind match of 50%. As in the past, vehicle, supervisor and equipment expenses can be applied toward the in-kind match. Mr. Kolakowski said that Council was requested to approve the acceptance of the DMV 2016 Highway Safety Grant for Speed Enforcement that has been awarded to the Town of Bedford Police Department and to appropriate \$4,800 to revenue account 100033.433162 and \$4,800 to expenditure account 10033110.557270. The required matching funds in the amount of \$4,800 will come from in-kind match.

On motion by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilman Vest, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council approved the acceptance of the DMV 2016 Highway Safety Grant for Speed Enforcement that has been awarded to the Town of Bedford Police Department and appropriated \$4,800 to revenue account 100033.433162 and \$4,800 to expenditure account 10033110.557270. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Town Manager Kolakowski reported that the Police Department has the purchase of used vehicles in the budget. The procurement ordinance requires that Council approve the purchase of used equipment. The Police Department has been in contact with 4 dealerships to get information on vehicles so the Police Department could find the best vehicles to meet the needs of the department. The Police Department located three (3) 2015 Chevrolet Impalas with approximately 25,000 miles on each vehicle. The vehicles will be under \$15,000 each. The Town Manager said that Council was requested to approve the purchase of three (3) 2015 Chevrolet Impalas for under \$15,000 each.

Vice Mayor Rush moved that Council approve the purchase of three (3) 2015 Chevrolet Impalas for under \$15,000 each. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carson and after a brief discussion was voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye

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Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The Town Manager said that at the Council meeting held on September 22, 2015, it was the consensus of Council to continue the Workshop Sessions prior to the second regularly scheduled Town Council meetings. A Resolution has been prepared to continue these sessions through November 22, 2016. Mr. Kolakowski stated that Council was requested to adopt the Resolution continuing the Town Council Workshop Sessions through November 22, 2016.

On motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Councilman Carson, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution continuing the Town Council Workshop Sessions through November 22, 2016. Roll call vote follows:

Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

**RESOLUTION
BEDFORD TOWN COUNCIL
TO HOLD WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

WHEREAS, be it hereby resolved that the Bedford Town Council will meet in workshop sessions on the evenings of the second regularly scheduled Town Council meeting starting October 27, 2015, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and continue through November 22, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, these sessions will be held prior to the regular Council meeting and no formal action will occur. These sessions are for informational and discussion purposes on topics of general interest to the Council.

Mayor Wandrei said that Domestic Violence is going to have its annual "Walk" on October 27 beginning at the Court House at 5:30 p.m.

Vice Mayor Rush moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a) (7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended for consultation with legal

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counsel and pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1), personnel, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:20 p.m. The following non-council members attended part of the closed session: Town Manager Kolakowski, Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV, and Director of Public Works. Council reconvened into open session at 7:30 p.m..

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Bedford hereby certifies that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

On motion by Councilman Black seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The Mayor stated that Council will go back to coats and ties at the next meeting.

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.